

Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A device for treatment or fixation of a fractured, damaged or deteriorating bone or bones in a mid-foot region, said device having a proximal end, a distal end, and a central cylindrical elongated body with a chamfered end and at least one slot, said device comprising an attaching means to a bone or bones of a foot such that said attaching means secures said mid-foot region.
2. (Currently amended) [[A]] The device as in claim 1, wherein said bone or bones of said mid-foot comprises:
 - a) a first metatarsal bone,
 - b) a talus bone,
 - c) a medial cuneiform bone, and
 - d) a navicular bone.
3. (Currently amended) [[A]] The device as in claim 2, wherein said device is an implant which is inserted into a medullary canal of said first metatarsal bone, said medial cuneiform bone, said navicular, and said talus bone.
4. (Currently amended) [[A]] The device as in claim 3, wherein said implant is an intramedullary nail.
5. (Currently amended) [[A]] The device as in claim 4, wherein said intramedullary nail is cannulated comprising a round cross-section with said central cylindrical elongated body.
6. (Currently amended) [[A]] The device as in claim 4, wherein said intramedullary nail is adapted with said attaching means by way of a proximal fastener hole and a distal fastener hole to allow for compression of said mid-foot region.
7. (Currently amended) [[A]] The device as in claim 1, wherein said attaching means is accomplished by insertion of at least one fastener in at least one fastener hole or slot at either said proximal end, said distal end, or said central cylindrical elongated body of said implant.

8. (Currently amended) [[A]] The device as in claim 7, wherein said attaching means utilizes at least one proximal fastener hole and at least one distal fastener hole which allows for reduction and compression of said mid-foot region.
9. (Currently amended) [[A]] The device as in claim 7, wherein said fastener is configured and dimensioned for insertion in at least one said fastener hole, further comprising a threaded hole for insertion of a screw, said screw having an optional threaded head portion and a threaded shaft portion.
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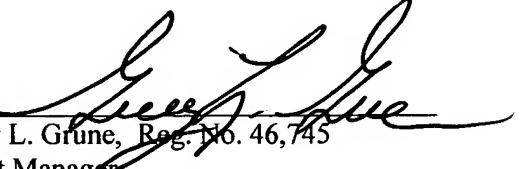
Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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